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MCCONE VOLUNTARILY SOLD MANY OF HIS LARGE STOCK HOLDINGS IN 1958 TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST, IT WAS DISCLOSED IN THE SENATE TODAY.

CHAIRMAN CLINTON P. ANDERSON, D-H.M., A FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT HOUSE-SENATE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMITTEE, RECALLED THAT MCCONE SOLD EVERY STOCK WHICH ANDERSON SUGGESTED MIGHT EMBARRASS HIM AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION.

ANDERSON SAID THE JOINT COMMITTEE QUIZZED MCCONE AT LENGTH ABOUT HIS FINANCIAL HOLDINGS AND GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS WHEN FORMER PRESIDENT EISENHOWER NAMED HIM TO HEAD THE AEC. MUCH OF THE QUESTIONING NEVER WAS MADE PUBLIC, ANDERSON SAID.

WHEN MCCONE WAS UP FOR SENATE CONFIRMATION TO THE AEC POST IN 1958, ANDERSON RECALLED THAT HE MADE UP A LIST OF THINGS MCCONE OUGHT TO DO TO AVOID CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. MCCONE COMPLIED WITH EVERY SUGGESTION, ANDERSON SAID.

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ANDERSON SAID MCCONE WILLINGLY DISPOSED ^{OF} ALL STOCK IN COMPANIES WHICH HAD ANY AEC DEALINGS.

"I THINK YOU'LL FEEL BETTER IF YOU GET RID OF THEM," ANDERSON RECALLED TELLING THE WEALTHY CALIFORNIA REPUBLICAN. MCCONE AGREED, ANDERSON SAID.

ANDERSON ALSO RECALLED THAT MCCONE PUT IN TRUST THE STOCK OF A WHOLLY-OWNED SHIP COMPANY BECAUSE CONTINUED OUTRIGHT OWNERSHIP COULD BE INTERPRETED AS A VIOLATION OF AEC LAW.

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SEN. HENRY M. JACKSON, D-WASH., A MEMBER OF THE ARMED SERVICES AND ATOMIC ENERGY COMMITTEES, ALSO STRONGLY DEFENDED MCCONE.

JACKSON CHARGED THAT MANY OF THOSE WHO OPPOSE MCCONE REALLY DO SO "BECAUSE OF HIS HARD, TOUGH POLICY TOWARD THE SOVIET UNION, PARTICULARLY ON NUCLEAR TESTING."

HE SAID MCCONE "WILL BE INTELLECTUALLY HONEST" AS CIA DIRECTOR AND "WE ARE INDEED FORTUNATE IN HAVING A MAN OF HIS CAPACITY" FOR THE JOB. JACKSON SAID "IT IS NOT EASY TO GET ABLE, QUALIFIED MEN IN THE AREA OF NATIONAL SECURITY."

THE NATION, HE SAID, WAS "FORTUNATE IN BEING ABLE TO BRING INTO THE GOVERNMENT A MAN OF MCCONE'S BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE."

BUT SEN. JOSEPH S. CLARK, D-PA., SAID HE WOULD SPEAK TOMORROW ON THE POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN MCCONE'S CASE. HE PUT INTO THE RECORD EXCERPTS FROM THE AGENCY'S RULES OF CONDUCT FOR EMPLOYEES, ADOPTED LAST YEAR, FOR DISCUSSION TOMORROW.

SEN. STUART SYMINGTON, D-MO., SAID MCCONE HAD NEVER EVEN BEEN SHOWN THE RULES BY THE AGENCY HE WAS NAMED TO HEAD. THE RULES SAY IN PART THAT "AN EMPLOYEE MAY NOT HAVE ANY DIRECT OR INDIRECT FINANCIAL INTEREST THAT CONFLICTS SUBSTANTIALLY, OR APPEARS TO CONFLICT SUBSTANTIALLY, WITH THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES OR DUTIES AS AN AGENCY EMPLOYEE."

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